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Dear Bass Club Representative:

The 2013 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing will be held at **6:30 PM, Thursday, January 10, 2013** at the VA Center, Theatre Bldg. 210, 1st Floor. The VA Center is located off Route 17 in Togus, Maine.

Some changes have been implemented to the 2013 bass tournament permit drawing. These changes will help to streamline the process for both MDIFW and bass clubs. Please read the enclosed document entitled "2013 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing" carefully as it explains the new drawing process in detail.

Please make sure your club has submitted all required weed inspection forms for 2012. If you are unsure of your club's status, please call our office at 287-5261. Clubs that are not in compliance with permit conditions will not be eligible to participate in the 2013 bass draw.

ALL clubs registered for the 2013 drawing must select a minimum of three (3) tournaments – **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

All clubs must be pre-registered in order to participate in the 2013 drawing. In order to pre-register, clubs must submit the following to MDIFW **NO LATER than January 3, 2013 (5:00 PM):**

- Pre-registration form
- Executed Affidavit (signed by a notary)
- Check made payable to "Treasurer, State of Maine" in the amount of \$156.00 (non-refundable).

IMPORTANT: FOLLOWING THE BASS DRAW, all applications must be received in our office no later than January 31, 2013, by 5:00 PM. Please understand that NO Changes will be made to the applications once they have been received in our office.

Enclosed please find a 2013 bass permit tournament application. Additional application forms may be downloaded from our website, www.mefishwildlife.com and will also be available at the drawing.

Bass tournaments may only be conducted on the water body as defined on the permit. The Department retains the authority to change these boundaries as necessary to appropriately manage these waters for multiple user groups. For example, the dividing line between Crescent Lake and Panther Pond will be the Route 85 Bridge in Raymond. The boundary for Pleasant Pond will be Pleasant Pond including Cobbossee Stream; but excluding Horseshoe Pond. If you have questions please call the Augusta office.

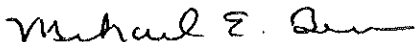
Please remember that the 3rd Saturday in July is loon count and no tournaments on that date will be allowed to start assembling before 9:00 am.

Requests for Multi-day tournaments permits will not be accepted at the drawing. The following water bodies are already taken for the 2013 Multi-Day permits:

- Kennebec River (9/7 & 9/8)
- Damariscotta Lake (9/7 & 9/8)
- Sebasticook Lake (9/7 & 9/8)
- Sebago Lake (9/18, 9/19 & 9/20)
- China Lake (10/5 & 10/6)

Permit application fees are non-refundable. However, if you need to cancel a scheduled tournament, please contact us at 287-5261. This will allow us to notify the Warden Service and make necessary changes in our database that would allow future permits on that water body to be issued and prevent your organization as being shown delinquent in submitting a weed inspection form for that tournament.

Sincerely,



Michael Brown
Director of Fisheries

2013 Bass Tournament Permit Drawing

WHEN: Thursday, January 10, 2013

WHERE: VA Togus Auditorium, Theatre Bldg 210, 1st Floor, Togus (Augusta), Maine
(same location as in the past)

TIME: Check in time: 6:30; Instructions 6:45 – 7:00; Drawing begins **promptly** at 7:00 PM

Some changes have been implemented to the bass tournament drawing for 2013 that will help streamline the process for all parties involved. All interested applicants (clubs, organizations, etc.) who wish to participate in the 2013 drawing must be aware of and adhere to the following conditions:

- ***Pre-registration*** – All applicants wishing to participate in the drawing must be qualified and pre-registered in accordance with the following (**NO EXCEPTIONS**):
 - Applicants who purchased a permit(s) for the 2012 season must ensure they have met their obligations of filing all required 2012 Weed Inspection forms in order to be deemed eligible. The forms must be submitted to MDIFW in accordance with the terms of your 2012 permit. Pre-registration requests from those applicants who are not in compliance will not be accepted and will be returned to applicant;
 - Submission of a completed pre-registration form (forms can be downloaded from www.mefishwildlife.com);
 - Submission of an affidavit attesting the organization is legitimate and is committed to holding at least 3 tournaments in 2013 under the applicant's name (forms can be downloaded from MDIFW website);
 - Submission of a non-refundable check in the amount of \$156.00 which commits the organization to select a minimum of three (3) tournaments at the drawing. The non-refundable payment will be applied to the total fees due for all tournaments selected at the drawing during the final application submission process. Applicants will be responsible for fees associated with additional tournaments selected. Organizations wishing to purchase less than three (3) permits can do so starting on February 10, 2013 on a first-come, first-served basis;
 - Pre-registration form, notarized affidavit and check made payable to: Treasurer, State of Maine, for the amount of \$156 must be received at MDIFW office in Augusta **NO LATER** than the close of business (5:00 PM) on **January 3, 2013**. Mail required documents to: MDIFW, Fisheries Division – BASS, 284 State Street, 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333. Please note incomplete registration requests will not be processed.
- ***Issuance of Qualifying Applicants & Drawing Order*** – on or about January 7, 2013, MDIFW will publish a list of qualifying applicants who are eligible to participate in the 2012 drawing. Only those organizations listed by MDIFW will be permitted to participate in the January 10, 2013 drawing. The list will also designate the order or drawing position of each applicant. This process will be administered by MDIFW by random selection of qualified applicants.

- **Deferrals** – Only the first round of the drawing will include an opportunity for applicants to defer their first round pick to another applicant. Applicants may negotiate deferrals with other applicants between the dates when the qualifying applicant list has been issued by MDIFW up until the start of the drawing on January 10, 2013 at 7:00 PM. No time will be allotted for deferrals once the drawing has begun.
- **Drawing Details** – the following outlines specific details of the drawing process:
 - Applicants, who arrive after the drawing has begun, will forfeit their position and will be placed at the end of the drawing order for each remaining round. No deferrals of late arrivals will be allowed.
 - Payment – no payments will be accepted on the night of the drawing. Payments must be mailed with final applications in accordance with the requirements detailed below.
 - Confirmation of each applicant's selections of lakes and dates will be issued at the end of the drawing.
- **Securing Permits** – Applicants will have the period between January 10, 2013 and close of business (5:00 PM) on February 8, 2013 to submit final applications, date change requests (forms available for download at www.mefishwildlife.com) and required fees (total permit fees minus pre-registration fee of \$156). No changes to applications, other than date as specified above, will be allowed after February 8, 2013 at 5:00 PM (NO EXCEPTIONS). If applications for tournaments selected at the drawing are not received by February 9th they will be forfeited. Beginning on February 11, 2013 permits for remaining available waters will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - Mail applications along with applicable fees (check made payable to Treasurer, State of Maine) to: MDIFW, Fisheries Division – BASS, 284 State St, 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333.